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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any special drive/ scheme under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to bring the remaining out-of-school children into the system and to bridge infrastructure gaps and improve the quality of education in school;

(b) if so, the details ofthe proposal in this regard;

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to give spcpal assistance to those States who have implemented the SSA scheme satisfactorily; and

(d) if s4& the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) followja holistic approach to improve the quality of elementary education, and subject to certain norms provides for:-

Opening of new primary schools
Upgradation of Primary schools to upper primary schools
Construction of school buildings
Construction of additional classrooms to improve the sfpdent classroom ratio
Recruitment of additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio
In-service training ofthe teachers and training of untrained teachers
Provision of text books
Learning 1 Enhancement Programme
Remedial Teaching
School and Teacher grant
Regular academic support to the school through Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres to improve the quality of classroom practices.

Besides, efforts are made to address the interests of children with special needs, out of school children and those living in SC/ST and minority concentration districts. A variety of interventions have been implemented for bringing out of school children to school. These include inter alia, the Education Guarantee Centres (EGS), Residential Bridge Courses and Non-Residential Bridge Courses.

(c) & (d): Under SSA, funds are released to States/UTs in accordance with the approved financial sharing pattern between the Centre and States, as per Annual Work Plans and Budgets (AWP&B) approved by SSA`s Project Approval Board (PAB) every year.